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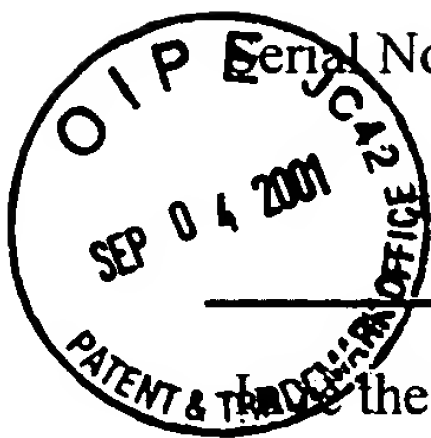
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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows.

In the specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, lines 11 with the following rewritten paragraph:

AI In one embodiment, an EBI-3-alt nucleic acid molecule is 75%, 80%, 85%, 86%, 87%, 88%, 89%, 90%, 91%, 92%, 93%, 94%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98%, 99%, 99.5%, 99.6%, 99.7%, 99.8%, 99.9% or more homologous to the nucleotide sequence shown in SEQ ID NO:1 or SEQ ID NO:3, the nucleotide sequence of the DNA insert of the plasmid deposited with ATCC as Accession Number PTA-790, or a complement thereof. In another embodiment, an isolated EBI-